

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 30, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President, Don Campbell, presiding.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The President announced that members who have not qualified come forward and file their oaths.

Senator Pyle then filed his oath.

Senator Priest moved that Judge J. H. Latimer be invited to a seat on the Senate floor.

Senator Priest withdrew his motion.

Senator Bell moved that the rules regulating the Senate, as reported, be taken up.

Carried.

Senator Clark moved the Senate go into a Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

Senate went into committee of the whole.

[Senator Fountain in the chair.]

Committee arose, reported progress, and asked to sit at 11 30 A. M

The hour set, on motion of Senator Saylor, to go into an election for a Chaplain of the Senate having arrived, the President announced nominations in order.

Senator Fountain nominated Rev. J. W. Tays.

Senator Alford nominated Rev. Antonio Barajo.

Senator Clark nominated Rev. Mr. Rodgers.

Senator Bowers nominated Rev. Mr. Buffington.

Senator Dohoney nominated Rev. Mr. Thomas.

The Chair appointed Senators Saylor and Flanagan tellers.

Vote as follows :

Rev. J. W. Tays received.....	17	votes
Rev. Mr. Buffington "	4	"
Mr. Barajo "	1	"
Rev. Mr. Rodgers "	3	"
Rev. Mr. Thomas " ..	2	"

Rev. Mr. Tays having received the majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Chaplain of the Senate.

Senator Douglas offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate dispense with the office of Assistant Post Master during the current session.

Which resolution was withdrawn.

Senator Bowers offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be requested to furnish the Senate with a list of officers now serving in the Senate, whether elected or appointed.

Which resolution was withdrawn.

Senator Parsons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Hon. T. V. Coupland, a member of the Senate of the Legislature of our sister State of Louisiana, now in this city, be extended the courtesy of an invitation within the bar of the Senate chamber of Texas.

Senator Saylor moved the adoption of the resolution.

Senator Bowers moved to a point of order.

The Chair decided the motion in order, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Priest moved that as the hour had arrived as fixed, the Senate go into a committee of the whole.

The Senate then went into committee of the whole.

Message from the Governor announced.

President took the chair.

Message read.

The President announced the reception of communications from the Governor, as follows :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Austin, April 30, 1870.

TO THE HON. SENATE
of the State of Texas:

Gentlemen :

I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointment, to-wit :

James P. Newcomb, Secretary of State.

Respectfully, EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Austin, April 30, 1870.

TO THE HON. SENATE
of the State of Texas :

Gentlemen :

I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointment :

Joseph W. Talbot, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Respectfully, EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.

Senator Flanagan moved the communications be laid over until they can be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Carried.

Senate went into Committee of the Whole.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit on Monday at 11 A. M.

Carried.

Senator Bowers moved that the following rules be adopted :

RULE 79.—All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless otherwise directed by the Senate.

RULE 80.—The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each session :

A Committee on Judiciary.

A Committee on Internal Improvements.

A Committee on Penitentiary.

A Committee on Private Land Claims.

A Committee on Education.

A Committee on Immigration.

A Committee on Finance.

A Committee on Militia.

A Committee on Public Lands.

A Committee on State Affairs.

[To consist of not less than five members.]

A Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

A Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A Committee on Contingent Expenses.

A Committee on Nominations by the Governor.

A Committee on Printing.

[To consist of not less than three members.]

A Committee on Federal Relations.

[To consist of not less than five members.]

A Committee on Public Buildings.

A Committee on Public Debt.

A Committee on Land Office.

A Committee on Indian Affairs and Frontier Protection.

A Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

A Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

A Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

A Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A Committee on Enrolled Bills.

[To consist of not less than three members.]

A Committee to examine Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices, and that no such committee shall consist of more than nine members.

RULE 81—Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee at the time of his appointment if he is already a member of three standing committees.

Senator Alford moved the Senate adjourn until ten o'clock, A. M., Monday.

Carried.
